On motion of Mr. WALSH, the previous question was ordered on the conference report to its adoption or rejection

The question being put,

Will the House agree to said conference report?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NEY, announced that pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV the yeas and nays were ordered, and the call was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the $\begin{cases} Yeas \dots 356 \\ Nays \dots 65 \end{cases}$

¶95.7 [Roll No. 457] YEAS—356

Abercrombie DeGette Jackson (IL) Ackerman Delahunt Jackson-Lee Aderholt DeLauro (TX) Allen Jefferson DeLay Andrews Dickey Jenkins Archer Dicks .John Armey Dingell Johnson (CT) Bachus Dixon Johnson (WI) Johnson, E. B. Baesler Dooley Baker Doolittle Johnson, Sam Baldacci Doyle Jones Ballenger Kanjorski Dreier Duncan Kaptur Barrett (NE) Bartlett Dunn Edwards Kasich Kelly Ehlers Kennedy (MA) Bass Emerson Kennedy (RI) Kildee Bateman Engel English Kilpatrick Becerra Bentsen Eshoo Kim Etheridge King (NY) Bereuter Berman Evans Kingston Everett Berry Kleczka Bilbray Ewing Klug Biliraǩis Knollenberg Fattah Bishop Kolbe Blagojevich Fawell Kucinich Bliley Fazio LaFalce Blumenauer Folev LaHood Boehlert Forbes Lampson Boehner Ford Lantos Fossella Bonilla Largent Bonior Fowler Latham Bono Fox LaTourette Borski Franks (NJ) Lazio Boswell Frelinghuysen Leach Boucher Frost Levin Brady (PA) Lewis (CA) Furse Lewis (KY) Brown (CA) Gallegly Brown (FL) Ganske Lipinski Brown (OH) Gekas Livingston Gephardt Bryant LoBiondo Bunning Gibbons Lowey Lucas Gilchrest Burr Buyer Callahan Gillmor Maloney (CT) Maloney (NY) Gilman Calvert Gonzalez Manton Camp Campbell Goodling Manzullo Markey Martinez Gordon Canady Graham Cannon Granger Mascara Capps Greenwood Matsui McCarthy (MO) Carson Gutierrez Gutknecht Hall (OH) Castle McCarthy (NY) Chabot McCollum Chambliss Hamilton McCrery Clay Clayton Hansen McDade McDermott Harman McHale Clement Clyburn Coble Hastings (FL) McHugh Hastings (WA) McInnis Coburn McIntosh Hayworth Collins Hefner McIntyre Hill McKeon Combest Hilliard McNulty Cooksey Hinchey Meek (FL) Meeks (NY) Costello Hinojosa Hobson Menendez Coyne Hoekstra Cramer Metcalf Holden Cubin Mica Cummings Hooley Millender-Cunningham McDonald Horn Houghton Miller (FL) Danner Davis (FL) Hoyer Mink Moakley Hunter Davis (IL) Davis (VA) Hutchinson Mollohan Hyde Deal Moran (VA) Istook DeFazio Morella

Murtha Rodriguez Stupak Myrick Nadler Rogan Sununu Talent Rogers Rohrabacher Tauscher Nethercutt Roukema Tauzin Roybal-Allard Taylor (NC) Nev Northup Thomas Norwood Rvun Thompson Oberstar Sabo Thornberry Sanchez Ortiz Sanders Thurman Owens Sandlin Tiahrt Torres Oxley Sawyer Packard Saxton Towns Schaefer, Dan Pallone Traficant Schumer Turner Parker Scott Upton Visclosky Pascrell Serrano Pastor Sessions Walsh Paxon Sherman Wamp Watkins Pease Shimkus Watt (NC) Watts (OK) Pelosi Shuster Peterson (MN) Sisisky Peterson (PA) Skaggs Waxman Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Pickering Skeen Skelton Pickett Weller Pitts Slaughter Smith (MI) Smith (NJ) Pombo Wexler Pomeroy Weygand White Porter Smith (OR) Whitfield Portman Smith (TX) Smith, Adam Price (NC) Wicker Quinn Snowbarger Wilson Radanovich Snyder Wise Wolf Rahall Solomon Ramstad Souder Woolsey Redmond Spence Wvnn Regula Spratt Yates Reyes Stabenow Young (AK) Young (FL) Riggs Stark

NAYS-65

Strickland

Rivers

Barr Herger Petri Barrett (WI) Hilleary Roemer Blunt Hostettler Rothman Boyd Hulshof Royce Chenoweth Inglis Salmon Kind (WI) Christensen Sanford Scarborough Schaffer, Bob Condit Klink Convers Lee Lewis (GA) Sensenbrenner Cox Crane Lofgren Shadegg Crapo Luther Shays Deutsch McGovern Smith, Linda McKinney Doggett Stearns Stenholm Meehan Ensign Filne Miller (CA) Stump Frank (MA) Minge Tanner Gejdenson Moran (KS) Taylor (MS) Neumann Goodlatte Nussle Velazquez Green Olver Vento Hall (TX) Waters Paul Hefley Payne

NOT VOTING—13

Brady (TX) Goss Rangel
Burton Kennelly Ros-Lehtinen
Cardin Linder Shaw
Diaz-Balart Poshard
Ehrlich Pryce (OH)

So the conference report was agreed

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said conference report was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

$\P95.8$ WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO

ACCOMPANY H.R. 3616

Ar SOLOMON by direction of the

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 549):

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and

for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

When said resolution was considered. After debate.

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶95.9 DOD AUTHORIZATION

Mr. SPENCE, pursuant to House Resolution 549, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 105–736):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999".

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina first became a member of the Committee on Armed Services of the United States Senate on January 19, 1959. Senator Thurmond's continuous service on that committee covers more than 75 percent of the period of the existence of the committee, which was established immediately after World War II, and more than 20 percent of the period of the existence of military and naval affairs committees of Congress, the original bodies of which were formed in 1816.

(2) Senator Thurmond came to Congress and the committee as a distinguished veteran of service, including combat service, in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(3) Senator Thurmond was commissioned as a reserve second lieutenant of infantry in 1924. He served with great distinction with the First Army in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, landing in Normandy in a glider with the 82nd Airborne Division on D-Day. He was transferred to the Pacific Theater of Operations at the end of the war in Europe and was serving in the Philippines when Japan surrendered.

(4) Having reverted to Reserve status at the end of World War II, Senator Thurmond was promoted to brigadier general in the United States Army Reserve in 1954. He served as President of the Reserve Officers Association beginning that same year and ending in 1955. Senator Thurmond was promoted to major general in the United States Army Reserve in 1959. He transferred to the Retired Reserve on January 1, 1965, after 36 years of commissioned service.

(5) The distinguished character of Senator Thurmond's military service has been recognized by awards of numerous decorations